Some of the projects already executed/sanctioned with private participation are> (i) Surendra Nagar-Pipavav gauge conversion, (ii) Hassan-Mangalore gauge conversion, (iii) Gandhidham-Palanpur gauge conversion, (iv) Haridaspur-Paradip new Railway line and (v) Obullavaripalli-Krishnapatnam new Railway line.

Under this model, strategic investors who have interest in the project are invited to participate in Project Special Purpose Vehicle as shareholders. The Special Purpose Vehicle is granted a limited concession period after which the project line is repossessed by Railways.

Railway projects in North Eastern Region

3529. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status of ongoing rail projects alongwith targets fixed for their completion in the country particularly in NER, rail-division-wise, State-wise and project-wise;

(b) the details of amount allocated and spent thereon during the last three years till date; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Details of ongoing rail projects in the North Eastern Region along with States in which they are falling, amount allocated and spent till date and target of completion, wherever fixed and status are as under:-

Sl. No,	Name of the project	Name of the State	Target date	Likely Expenditure upto March, 2008 (Rs. in Crore)	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
New Line					
1.	Jiribam-Imphal Road	Assam, Manipur	Jiribam-Imphal Road (Tupul) by March, 2012	36.97	Final location survey completed for 52 km length. Work taken up in first 10 km from Jiribam end. This has been declared as a National Project.
2.	Kumarghat-Agartala	Tripura	March 2008	818.08	Work is nearing completion and expected to be completed by June, 2008. This has been declared as a National Project.
3.	Azra-Byrnihat	Meghalaya, Assam	2014-15	0.02	Final location survey for 12 km has been completed. This has been declared as a National Project.

1	2	3	4	5	6
4.	Dimapur-Zubza (Kohima)	Nagaland	2014-15	0.10	Final location survey is being taken up. This has been declared as a National Project.
5.	Bogibeel bridge	Assam	March 2012	944.95	The work of approaches on North and South bank have been taken up. The boulder collection for guide bunds and protection works in progress. The main bridge substructure tender awarded.
6.	Dudhnoi-Depa	Meghalaya, Assam	Not fixed	0.51	The Survey for alternative alignment from Dudhnoi to Mendhipathar as suggested by State Government has been completed and estimate sanctioned.
7.	Harmuti-Itanagar	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam	March 2011	4.04	Final location survey has been completed from Harmuti to Naharlagun and land acquisition taken up.
8.	New Maynaguri-Jogighopa	Assam, West Bengal	Not fixed	212.26	Land acquisition, earthwork, bridges taken up.
Gauge Conversion					
1.	Lumding-Silchar-Jiribam & Badarpur to Kumarghat	Assam, Tripura	March 2011	1180.96	Earthwork, bridges, tunnel work etc. in progress. The work is adversely affected because of militant activities. The security cover at all the sites is yet to be provided by the State Government of Assam. This has been declared as a National Project.
2.	Rangiya-Murkongs-elek with linked fingers	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh	March 2012	6.15	Work has been taken up on Rangiya-Rangapara north section. This has been declared as a National Project.
3.	Lumding-Dibrugarh with	Assam	Main line completed.	80.35	The balance work is only branch lines from Haibargaon to Mairabari

1	2	3	4	5	6
	linked fingers, Haibargaon-Mairabari and Senchoa-Silghat Town		Sechoa-Silchat June 08 balance March 2009		and Senchoa to Silghat where works are in different stages.
4.	Kathakal-Bhairabi	Manipur	March 2011	24.69	Earthwork, bridge works etc. taken up. The conversion will be done alongwith Lumding-Silchar project.
5.	New Jalpalguri-New Bongaigaon with branch lines	Assam, West Bengal	Main line and Alipurduar-Baman hat completed. Fakiragram-Dhubri 2008-09	862.89	All work completed except Fakiragram-Dhubri which is targeted for 2008-09.
Doubling					
1.	New Guwahati-Assam Digaru-patch doubling	Assam	March, 2010	6.33	Contract for earthwork and bridges finalized and work started.

In the last three years, an outlay of Rs. 1440 crore was provided for various projects at the Budget stage and total approximate expenditure has been Rs. 2340 crore.

(c) Necessary funds are being provided. Five new line and two gauge conversion projects have been declared as National Projects and part funds are being provided as an additionality.

Development of railway stations of metros, mini metres and tourist centres

3530. KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to develop railway stations of metros and mini metros and important tourist centres into a world class railway stations;

(b) whether any railway station in the North Eastern States has been included;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.